

Application No. 10/517,277  
Amtd. Dated: August-14-2009  
Reply to Office Action of April-2-2009

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Petition is hereby made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of two months of the period for response to the Office Action. Authorization to charge the prescribed fee to our deposit account is enclosed.

The allowance of claims 3 to 4, 11 to 16, 20 to 24, 32 to 34, 36 to 43 and 51 to 53 is gratefully acknowledged.

The Examiner rejected claims 5 to 10, 17 to 19, 25, 29 to 31, 35, 44 to 46 and 48 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray in view of Rossi et al. These claims have been deleted. Such deletion is made without prejudice to the applicants right to file a continuation application directed thereto and in the interests of expedited prosecution.

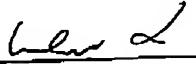
The Examiner objected to claims 26 to 28 and 49 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 26, 27 and 49 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 28 is dependent on claim 27. Authorization to charge the prescribed fees for the additional independent claims is included herein. Claim 32 has been amended to be dependent on allowed claim 4. Claim 4 refers to a continuous process as does claim 32.

It is submitted that these claims should be allowed, along with the allowed claims 3 to 4, 11 to 16, 20 to 24, 32 to 34, 36 to 43 and 51 to 53.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and early and favourable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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